

Amidst the Corona-Climate Crises - Poems and Songs of Hope

WE Need Our Leaders With Us

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And save all life from harm.



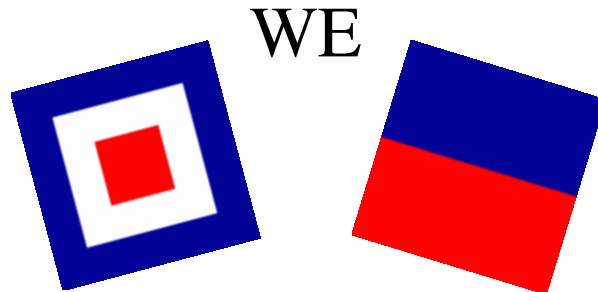
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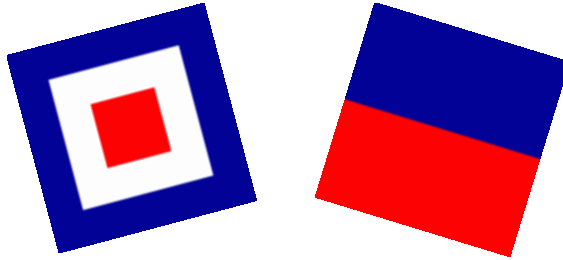
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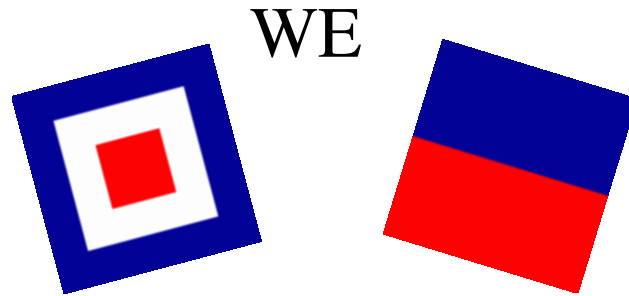
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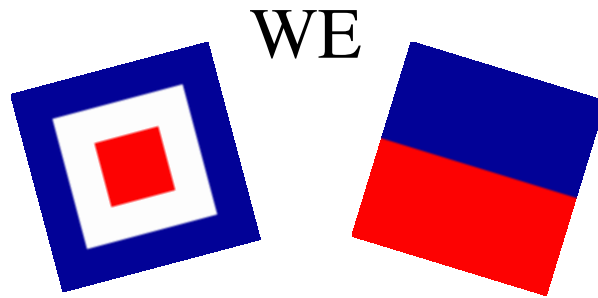
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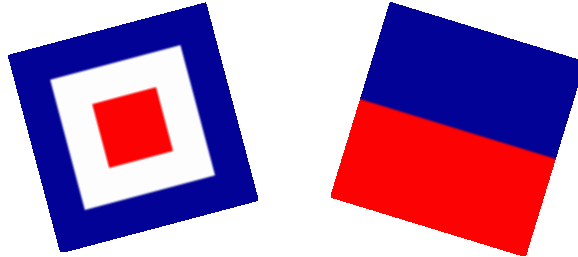




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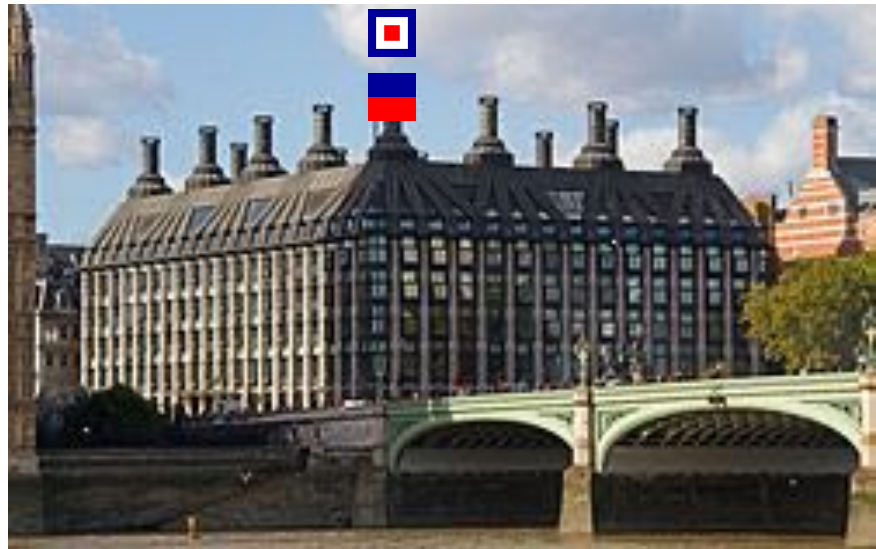


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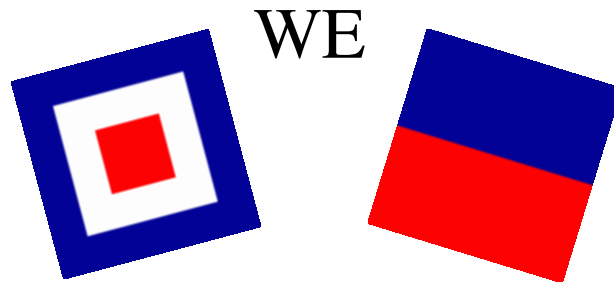


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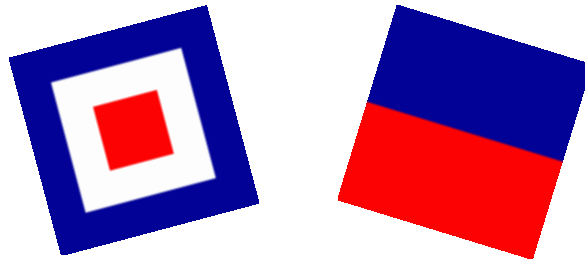




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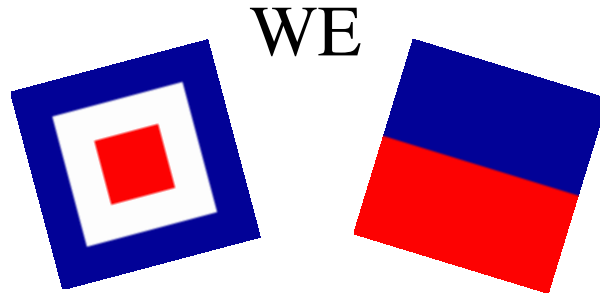
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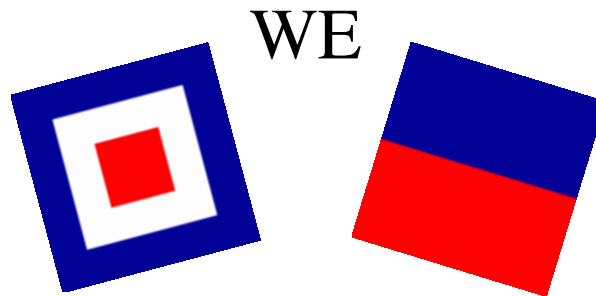
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A Light Bulb Moment!!

“In early April 2019 I was watching the news on TV which was reporting the visit of Greta Thunberg to Parliament and her campaign to inspire children throughout the world to “strike” from school on Fridays. At the same time Extinction Rebellion were holding protests and Brexit protests were taking place outside Parliament. The picture showed all the competing flags and banners getting higher and higher and above them the Union Flag on the Victoria Tower .

I realised that two sea flags WE had used for years on our team bell boat, flown on the top of Victoria Tower could signal a message of working together on a common cause, across the world. I also knew that when a flag is taken down it is called “striking” the flag and that WE could connect people at all levels of society, from our primary school to our leaders by simply raising and “striking” the two flags in our schools and landmarks every Friday.” I wrote the poem for the children of Fladbury CoE First School and children read it in assembly whilst raising and striking the flags.

The first landmark on which the flags were raised was Pershore Abbey, on the 5th June 2019. Fladbury Church followed and since then the flags have been raised on Worcester Cathedral, by Bromsgrove Council, other Worcester Schools, Worcester University and at the Green Lane Mosque in Birmingham.



Pershore Abbey. The first landmark in the world to raise the two flags on 5th June 2019, the birthday of George Mason 1st, the great grandfather of George Mason 4th, one of the founders fathers of America. George Mason 1st was born in Pershore and christened in the Abbey. He fled England at the end of the Civil War and settled in Virginia. George Mason University, home to one of the leading climate change communication centres is based.

Into Song!

On 4th of April, in the midst of the coronavirus crisis, Kelly Nye, the mother of two of our young Fladbury paddlers created music for the poems, the first composer in the world to do so. It was inspirational and it made me think!

I realised that other musicians of all genres of music and from all over the world could join in and WE could, together, help to spread the message around the world.

WE have tried for twenty six years to find a way of bringing the leaders of the world on board and pulling together to tackle the climate change problem through sport, art, heritage and culture then the microscopic coronavirus, made me turn to music.

I hope wherever you live in the world you will adapt the song for your leaders with genre of music you love. WE could do something that has until now proved impossible to do. By COP26, now postponed until 2021, WE could bring all the leaders of the world on board singing from the same song sheet!